

## Public Use Sites

### Background

Public Use Sites are sites on state land and water that have been identified as particularly important for public access, recreation, camping, fishing, or other recreation or public use. These sites have high public value and therefore should receive a higher degree of management attention. Designation of these sites in this management plan serves to recognize the importance of these areas for continued public use. There are four public use sites identified in this plan: Lower Knik Flats, Jim Lake, Jim Creek, and Knik Glacier. When the adjacent uplands are in borough or private ownership, the public use site includes only the state shorelands below ordinary high water. See Map 2-2, pp. 2 - 29, in Chapter 2 that shows these sites.

As use patterns change and more information becomes available, new sites may be designated and should be included in the plan. Such additions will be at the discretion of the Southcentral Regional Manager. The procedures for a “special exception” are to be followed in plan revisions.

### Goal

- Identify areas that have high public use values and manage them to preserve that use and their recreation values.

### Management Guidelines

- The following Public Use Sites are designated in the plan: Lower Flats, Jim/McRoberts Confluence, Jim Lake, and Knik Glacier. The subsequent management guidelines apply to these sites and will be included in the second phase of regulations to be developed by DNR.
- Camps may remain in one place for up to seven days before they must be disassembled and moved to another location at least one mile away. A person may not relocate a camp, structure or facility to a site within one mile of the initial site for at least four consecutive days.
- Commercial camps can be authorized within a public use site for up to seven consecutive days. A commercial camp may not relocate to a site within one mile of the initial site for at least four consecutive days. Long-term commercial camps greater than seven consecutive days are not authorized.

- 1 • Improvements such as public facilities, docks, boat ramps, and public airstrips can be  
2 authorized.
- 3 • Camping will be restricted to identified sites if a campground is constructed or if  
4 designated campsites are identified.
- 5 • DNR will restrict recreational discharge of weapons in public use sites to protect  
6 public safety.  
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**Map 2-2: Public Use Sites**